



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

RD

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------

08/962,362 10/31/97 KAMBE

N N-19.12-0006

EXAMINER

MM91/0404

PETER S. DANDI, PH.D.
WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.
SUITE 1600 - INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
900 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402-3319

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

2879
DATE MAILED:

04/04/01

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER OF
PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

SERIAL	FILING	FIRST NAME APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET
08/962,362	10/31/1997	N. Kambe	08810/008001

EXAMINER	
Michael Day	
ART UNIT	PAPER
2879	26

DATE MAILED:

Please find below a communication from the Examiner in charge of this application.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

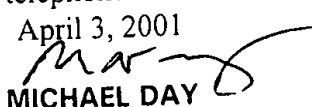
The reply brief filed 3/28/01 has been entered and considered but no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Day whose telephone number is 703/305-4941. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar Patel, can be reached by phoning 703/305-4794. The Fax phone number is 703/308-7382.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 703/308-0956.

April 3, 2001


MICHAEL DAY
PRIMARY EXAMINER
GROUP 2800